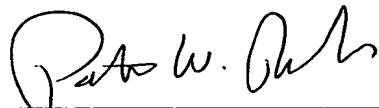


Remarks

Please enter the foregoing preliminary amendment prior to examination of the present application. Claims 1, 6, 12, 18, and 23 have been cancelled. New Claims 24-31 have been added. Applicants submit that this Amendment adds no new matter.

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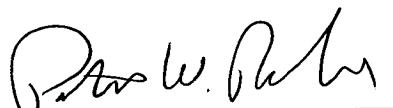
7. (once amended) An I/O module comprising:

at least one connector pin; and

a control circuit comprising a plurality of solid state switches, said solid state switches controlling a configuration of the at least one pin.

9. (once amended) An I/O module in accordance with Claim 8 [7] wherein an energization state of each said at least one port controlling a state of a respective at least one switch.

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Submitted herewith are marked up Claims in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(1)(ii), wherein additions are underlined and deletions are [bracketed].

IN THE CLAIMS

2. (once amended) A control circuit for configuring at least one I/O module connector pin, said circuit comprising at least one port controlling a configuration of the at least one pin, [in accordance with Claim 1 wherein] said at least one port comprises at least one of a Pull-Down (PD) port, a Pull-Up (PU) port, a Discrete High (DH) port, a Discrete Low (DL) port, a positive 15 volt (P15V) port, a negative 15 volt (N15V) port, a range (RANGE) port, and a voltage out (VOUT) port.

3. (once amended) A control circuit for configuring at least one I/O module connector pin, said circuit comprising:

at least one port controlling a configuration of the at least one pin; and

[in accordance with Claim 1 further comprising] at least one switch assembly comprising a solid state switch, said at least one port controlling whether a respective said at least one solid state switch is in an open state or a closed state.